



80. General Comments

- I hope you, get this one.
- I tried to answer based on what the average officer would be involved with. Obviously depending on the job assignment some staff are going to be involved with different conditions more frequently. Rec Yard and Segregation staff are going to stand a chance of facing aggressive inmate more frequently than the average housing unit officer.
- On the first survey I deleted it because I didn't know the person who sent it and with all the computer viruses out there that what they tell you to do if you don't know then delete it. send it to the Dept. Heads first and let them send it out as an attachment.
- I look forward to hearing about the results of this survey. In my capacity here at OSP we house the most dangerous offenders in the State of Oregon. I answered the questions keeping this in mind. I was not sure if that was prudent or not. If I were working in a minimum custody facility my answers would be different. Thank you.
- Staff do not need to be athletes but they should be in good enough shape to respond to staff assistance calls without falling out. They should be able to run short distances and still fight when they get there. They should have the physical abilities to handle and use all security equipment.
- Thank you, sorry for the delay in completing the survey.
- The single biggest stressor I encounter is shift work by far. The toll on ones self is high and I understand now why so many of us die shortly after retirement. It would be nice if this could be addressed, but obviously the nature of the business dictates otherwise.
- It would be nice to see a Pat type test in DOC's in-service each year to ensure that a certain standard of health is maintained for an individual to maintain certification standards. I think that DPSST should partner up to make something like this happen. Over time a healthier more fit officer will be on the job and the state will have less injuries and be able to implement higher defensive tactic training levels without large quantities of injuries.
- The answers that I provided are from the perspective of an institution that is a minimum custody dorm setting. The institution also runs inmate work crews in public.
- I thought this was for the most part a good survey and hope it helps. This was a little difficult to identify in some areas what you wanted. For an example, I work at a minimum facility (as a manager) that does not have firearms, but have worked at a maximum (not as a manager) that does. I, in some cases, took the middle road to answer the questions as a potential environment at either facility.
- The outside weather also impacts all of these concerns. Often time staff are required to stand on the yard, or other outside posts for hours without relief. This is very difficult in the snow, freezing temps, rain, wind and also just as challenging are the high heat of the summer times.
- Having completed the survey when the first request was sent out , I hope that enough of a response is recieved to complete the survey.
- I'm sure my answer have changed from the last time I took this test...
- The Physical Standards for Basic Correctional Officer has been loosely enforced. DPSST should make DOC enforce these standards for the safety of all employees.
- Difficult to respond to many of the questions based on the variety of positions and normal job rotations. Questions referring to inches and distances were not realistic. Staff frequently push items several hundred yards, not inches. Staff in Special Housing can be involved with a disruptive inmate daily, yet a Unit Officer only a couple times a year and not at all if they are lucky. Experience has shown that the current entry level physical requirement by most police departments would meet our requirements for the initial hire. We started completing physicals for staff being promoted but these are very basic. This also would not cover staff opting to stay at the Correctional Officer level. We have a pretest for potential psychological issues, but again these are only effective if the applicant is totally truthful. Develop a physical requirement that would not discriminate against females or small statured males. I also believe that the eye exam should be reasonable, graded via normal or corrected vision. Thanks for the opportunity to respond.
- With a wide spectrum of duties assigned to Correctional Officers, the survey doesn't take into account of the facility or department that a staff may be assigned. For example: An Officer assigned to Transport versus an Institution. Transport Officers are subjected to more physical application of restraints, vehicle searches, loading of property, etc. A minimum facility may have less combative inmates, but they do have more out-crews of inmate supervision in the community, dealing with ditches, equipment, agriculture, etc. Medium or Maximum security facilities will deal with more use of force, cell extractions, etc. Thanks, Captain Sonny Rider, Unit Team Manager.
- Dealing with inmates with mental health issues has become a regular job task. Constant walking and occasional running on concrete/tile floors is routine part of the job. Struggling with combative inmates, including going up and/or down stairs while restraining/struggling with them is becoming more and more frequent. Use of electronic stun devices, (belt, leg and stun gun) is also more common and has moderately high consequences. Reading, writing and mathematics skills are also very important on a daily basis. Thank you!
- Really enjoyed your classes last August, Rick. Hope all is well with you! GO DUCKS!!! Earl Oden
- While there were jail specific questions asked it seemed to me that most of the questions related to patrol over corrections.
- #24- weight is on a wheeled cart
- Sorry so late
- I would have liked to put additional comments next to some of the questions (specific to that particular question). I think this is a good thing, however, a little long when trying to do other duties at work.
- Several points worth mentioning: • "Maximum weight", relative to an inmate's body, was 180 lbs. We frequently have inmates weighing 200+ lbs but the "frequency" would be less. Please adjust this weigh as necessary for context of the survey. • We typically have a fair number of staff available for problems when they occur. While some for these functions, if not done, could be "disastrous" in a small agency, by virtue of our size I tended to rate these in the "moderate" range. • We are fairly functionally diverse. Some may be performing certain functions daily while others rarely. This was a tricky element to consider while responding. Please adjust as necessary to fit the context of the survey. Thanks. Well done!
- Thank you for the opportunity to complete the survey. All questions answered where based upon knowledge of tasks performed by entry level corrections deputies employed with our agency, to include tasks performed specific to our physical plants. I believe the surveys will indicate a broad range of considerations for each task performed due to the unique arrangements of different facilities, how they operate and internal requirements based upon a particular agency's job description for a corrections officer.
- It would be nice to see the results when you are done. Thanks, Jon
- I completed this survey by what occurs as a norm. One day a deputy could be sitting all day and the next walking; one day in direct contact with inmates and the next day in a floor control. Hope this is helpful.
- As a Sheriff's office our deputies can be and are assigned to a wide range of duties such as, court services, transports, workcrews and others. They are also required carry weapons, radios and be proficient when operating in any capacity outside the internal confines of the jails. As a general rule our county has more corrections certified deputies on the the roads performing their daily duties than police certified deputies. All of our deputies corrections or enforcement have the same duty to act on the behalf of a citizen in need of assistance. I believe that the academy curriculum should prepare new deputies for what sheriff's offices are expecting of them and it may be the appropriate time to begin a multi-discipline certification.
Sergeant Jose Martinez: MCSO Training Unit.

- Thanks for the work in creating standards - I think it will help produce a higher level of candidate in the future.
- I found many of the questions hard to answer. Many of the tasks may never need to be accomplished, but, if that once in a career incident occurred, it could mean life or death to the deputy or their partner. I was unsure how to answer some of the questions because of the necessity to have the ability to perform a task, but low frequency.
- Thank You! Mental as well as physical well being is a must. Raising the standards for all is important.
- None
- Hi Rick, as I stated before when I took this, I had a difficult time filling it out because: 1. I am new to corrections from patrol arena 2. I have nearly 200 employees and a large jail. Because of that, there is always someone getting into an altercation or doing one of the tasks listed in the survey. It may not be the same person doing all those tasks, but the chances an employee will do the task on any given day are great, so I had a difficult time deciding how to answer those questions. Therefore, you will see several 'daily' and 'disastrous' answers on my survey because of that. If a deputy can't perform those functions, the possibility that it could be disastrous exists, so that's how I answered. Sorry if that wasn't the right way to do it, but thought I'd at least explain myself. Is there any way you can keep a copy of this on file so I won't have to fill it out again? Because of my lack of technical expertise, this does take a long time for me to think, reason and answer. This is the third time I have done it, so it's beginning to take a lot of time which is frustrating to me (I know you know that, it's just the reproduction that I'm frustrated with - I know this is important). Anyway, please let me know.....
David
- Don't lose this one please.
- Good Luck.